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6. — Histoire des Peuples du Nord, ou des Danois et des Normands, depuis les Temps les plus reculés jusqu'à la Conquête de l'Angleterre. Par Henri Wheaton. Edition revue et augmentée par l'Auteur, avec Cartes, Inscriptions, et Alphabet Runiques, etc. Traduit de l'Anglais, par Paul Guillot. Paris: E. Marc-Aurel. 1844. Svo. pp. 583.

This work in its English dress, entitled "History of the Northmen, or Danes and Normans," was first published in London in 1831, and was reviewed in our pages in the course of the following year. The book now before us is not merely a French translation of the original publication, but a new edition of it, enlarged with notes and the fruits of the learned author's subsequent researches. In 1838, Mr. Wheaton united with Mr. Crichton, of Edinburgh, in preparing and publishing a work called "Scandinavia," comprising the ancient and modern history of Denmark, Sweden, and Norway, with an account of the geographical features of these countries, and information respecting the mythology, manners, and political and religious institutions of their inhabitants. Aided by the materials thus brought together, by other publications relating to the same subject in France and Germany, and especially by the great work of Professor Rafn, entitled "Antiquitates Americanæ," our author has much increased the compass and importance of his book, and has now sent it forth in a dress adapted for circulation on the continent of He has followed in the track of the Danish antiquaries, and has carefully studied their editions of the old Sagas first made known to the world in print since 1831. A new introduction to his work contains a succinct, but comprehensive, view of the whole Scandinavian mythology. A new chapter presents a condensed history of the expeditions and conquests of Robert Guiscard and his brothers, in Sicily and Greece, coming down to the period, when the Norman dynasty, in the southern part of Italy, became extinct. With these additions and improvements, we hope the French edition may prove as serviceable to the author's fame among the learned on the European continent, as the work in its English garb was to his reputation in England and America. We rejoice to perceive, that his numerous, long-continued, and successful labors as a diplomatist have not been allowed to exhaust his time and abilities; but that he has still some leisure for the cultivation of his literary taste, and for contributions to the general stock of scholastic acquirements.